

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) to (e) Yes, Sir. A Centre for E-Governance has been set up by the Ministry of Information Technology. This Centre is located at Electronics Niketan, New Delhi. The Centre showcases the best practices in the area of E-Governance and conducts programme for creating awareness amongst decision makers in the Centre and the State Governments. A few of the successful applications in the country are also demonstrated here.

The Centre is integrated in the Ministry of Information Technology and has no commercial or revenue earning objective. It does not have any separate financial identity.

Community Information Centres in North-East and Sikkim

3708. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have reviewed the development made in setting up of community information centres in the North-East and Sikkim to provide connectivity at block level;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government propose to set up such centres all over the country; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 30 Community Information Centres set up under the pilot project are fully functional and are gaining in popularity and utility to the users. With a view to further enhancing the utility of these centres, it has been considered expedient to develop suitable content relevant to the requirements of the local community, with active participation and support of State Government.

- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) Does not arise.